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Wilson takes 'Joe Means Jobs' tour to Alaglas Pools

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ST. MATTHEWS - U.S. Congressman Joe Wilson brought his "Joe Means Jobs" tour to Calhoun County on May 10 with a visit to Alaglas Pools.

Wilson said his focus is on small business, adding that he thinks tight credit is the result of government intervention.

Alaglas co-owners Monty and Juanita Felix welcomed Wilson.

"As a veteran, I support Joe Wilson," Monty Felix said.

Wilson mentioned he is promoting incentives for veterans, saying the country

needs to help its veterans.

The congressman also noted that the Obama administration's stand in the war on terror may be changing.

"We are not alone," Wilson said. He said the bombing in Mumbai, India, marked the largest loss of life in another nation, other than the U.S., in the war on

terror.

"We need to be prepared," he said.

Wilson, who chairs the Composite Caucus, toured the Alaglas Pools manufacturing facility, which produces composite pools.

Felix said he believes Alaglas Pools is the third largest producer of composite

pools in the United States. He showed Wilson the Alaglas pool that recently took the top award in the American Composite Manufacturers Association in Las Vegas in competition with companies from 49 other states. Felix said the award recognizes "the quality of our pools."

Alaglas Pools is currently branching out to production of "tank vaults," holding tanks for water fountains that allow reuse of the water, Felix said. He introduced plant manager Larry Howe, crediting Howe for being "responsible for the high level of quality" of the Alaglas product.

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